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Nikoonahad et al.

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DETERMINING A CRITICAL
DIMENSION, A PRESENCE OF
DEFECTS, AND A THIN FILM
CHARACTERISTIC OF A SPECIMEN

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 3, 2004, to further highlight reasons why the application is in condition for allowance. Applicant submits the present paper complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

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